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Expertise Statement

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One thing that I think I do well is taking care of kids. My whole life I have been surrounded by little kids, whether it was my three siblings or my fourteen cousins, there was always children around.

I am the second oldest child of four in my family. When I was four, my younger brother was born and so began my role as a big sister. Ever since I can remember I have always loved taking care of kids and helping out with them. Even though I was only four, my mom said I would always try to help take care of my brother in any way possible. Four years after that my little sister was born and I took her under my wing and took care of her all the time. Now that I am older, I have lots of younger cousins, specifically a three year-old and his five month-old baby twin brothers. Since the twins were born I have been at their house every week helping out in any way I’m needed. I’ve always loved helping others because it is such a rewarding feeling doing something for someone besides yourself.

I guess I could say that I learned how to take care of kids from my family but mostly my mom. As a little kid I can remember watching her take care of my younger siblings and sometimes I would mimic that, as a lot of young girls do, whether it was by taking care of my dolls or actually trying to feed my brother at the mature age of four. I think that a lot of behaviors are learned at such a young age, just as language is learned. From the day I was born I was always surrounded by my family members taking care of their children and so I guess I just grew up thinking it was normal to always help out.